RAJESH PILOT) : (a) There is no proposal to privatise the Delhi Transport Corporation.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) In the passenger transport system of Delhi, certain number of private buses have been, for a number of years, supplementing the public transport services to meet the growing traffic demand. The Corporation as a major operator of bus transport services ensures availability of substantial services.

Bandh in Maharashtra

164. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bandh was called in Maharashtra during the 1st week of July, 1989; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss to the Railways as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A bandh was called in Maharashtra on 3-7-1989 by a few political parties.

(b) The loss due to damage to the Railway property during this bandh is estimated at Rs. 4-12 lakhs (approximately).

Prime Minister's visit to Pakistan

165. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
PROF C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister propose to visit Pakistan during the middle of July, 1989; and

(b) if so, the nature of talks likely to be held with the leaders of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Prime Minister has already returned from his visit to Islamabad. Various bi-lateral and other issues of mutual interest were discussed with the Pakistani side during the visit.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस के लिये एयर बसों की खरीद

166. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा इंडियन एयरलाइंस के लिए 800 करोड़ रुपय की लागत से 12 और एयर बसें खरीदने का निश्चय कर लिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि योजना आयोग तथा पब्लिक इन्वैस्टमेंट बोर्ड ने यह इसे खरीद न करने की सलाह दी थी ; और

(ग) यदि हां; तो उपरोक्त दोनों संस्थानों की सलाह पर ध्यान न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल): (क) सरकार ने 12 अतिरिक्त एयरबस ए 320 विमान खरीदने के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स को 2 जून, 1989 को अपनी मंजूरी दी थी जिनकी अनुमानित लागत 958.79 करोड़ रुपए हैं और जिसमें विदेशी मुद्रा का अंश